

# Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma



## Toni-We-Kee-Toh

“Where are we going”



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### Chief's Message

Four months into the Peoria Tribe's fiscal year and the Peoria Ridge Golf Course is debt free. Many of the elected leaders of this tribe, current and past, wondered if the golf course would ever be debt free. I would like to thank everyone who assisted during the planning, construction, and during the time the tribe assumed the management of the course. All of this would not have happened without the support of the entire Peoria Tribal Council. Thank you, the membership, in believing in the plan of your elected leadership. We are working for the present and the future stability of the Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma. The Business Committee is developing a master plan for future development on the Buffalo Run Casino site. This plan will lay the groundwork for other tribal enterprises, along with the possibility for private development.

Fall is just around the corner. That means school will be starting soon for our youth. I am pleased to say the Peoria Tribe could fund as many as eighty students with scholarships of \$2000.00 each for this fall semester. These numbers have increased over the last couple years. This means more and more tribal members are getting the opportunity to continue their education; a goal this administration of elected officials has set as a priority. Education is a vital element in the success of our future generations.

In May's Newsletter several projects were mentioned, one of which was the Cemetery Road Project. The project is expected to be completed in 365 days. This means that at times detours will be required to get to the cemetery. The environmental staff of the Peoria Tribe will be monitoring the construction on a weekly basis. Please call the office and staff will be able to direct you on the best route to the cemetery during construction. Once completed, the road to the Peoria Tribal Cemetery from County Road 137 will be all paved.

The National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) will hold its annual meeting in Tulsa, Oklahoma this November. This week long affair will be a great opportunity for tribal leaders from across the nation to establish policies and priorities to service Indian Country. This Annual meeting's agenda includes an election for President and Vice-President. Members of the Business Committee will represent the Peoria Tribe at various functions.

As always, please call if you have any questions.

John P. Froman  
Chief



Chris James of Edmond, Oklahoma, came out on top of a field of 168 professional golfers entered in the Buffalo Run Casino Classic NGA Hooters Pro Golf Tour Tournament held at Peoria Ridge Golf Course during the first week of August. James collected \$24,000 for his 24 under par performance (67-70-61-66) including setting a course record round of 61.



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**The family of Joe Goforth would like to extend their appreciation to the Peoria Pow-Wow Committee for honoring Joe with a special contest dance at the recent Peoria Pow-Wow. Many of Joe's family attended the Pow-Wow on Saturday night and enjoyed observing all of the participants who performed this men's straight dance. Joe always enjoyed attending Pow-Wows. He enjoyed the dances, the colorful regalia, and being able to socialize with friends and family.**

PEORIA TRIBE  
SEEKING HOUSING  
ASSISTANCE  
APPLICANTS

The Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma is now accepting applications for housing assistance. The Tribe will accept applications Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. All applicants must meet federal guidelines in order to receive rehabilitation. The Housing Improvement Program is a Bureau of Indian Affairs grant program administered by the Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma. For further information you may contact the tribal office at (918) 540-2535.

PEN PALS

Randall G. Ferris #50884/L.C.F.  
PO Box 2  
Langing, KS 66043

Nations brother looking for honest and thoughtful person to share thoughts and dreams and the true reality of life itself. Also needing donations for hygiene products and a typewriter to prepare legal petitions & appeals. Persons who wish to “pen pal” and share these things please write to me at the above address. I will answer all letters received. Donations may be send in a money order payable to: the addressee above.

To all my relations,  
Randall G. Ferris

TRADING POST

ITEMS WITH PEORIA LOGO

T-Shirts, children	
(12 & 24 month, ex. sm., sm., med., lg.)	\$8.00
T-Shirts, adults (sm., med., lg.)	\$8.00
T-Shirts, adults (XL)	\$10.00
T-Shirts, adults (XXL & XXXL)	\$12.00
Ceramic coffee mugs	\$5.00 ea. Or 2/\$9.00
22 oz. Insulated mugs	\$5.00
14 oz. Travel mugs	\$5.00
Tribal Caps (many colors)	\$10.00
Novelty License Plates	\$6.00

OTHER ITEMS AVAILABLE

Peoria History Books	\$20.00
Beaded Indian Head Pins	\$5.00
Beaded Key Chains	\$10.00—\$12.00
Dream Catchers	SM. \$8.00 Lg. \$12.00
Love Knots	\$8.00
Shawls	\$50.00
Beaded Ear Rings	\$10.00—\$12.00
Printed T-Shirts (various pictures)	\$10.00
Medicine Wheels	\$12.00
Beaded Necklaces	\$2.00—\$5.00
Snow People (pair)	\$10.00
Quillows	\$35.00
Fringed T-Shirts	\$15.00
Renuzite Dolls	\$10.00
Leather Purse	\$40.00
Aprons	\$12.00
Dish Towels (set of 7)	\$20.00
Beaded Hat Bands	\$20.00
Pillows	\$12.00
Night Light Cover	\$6.00

Trading Post!!

The Trading Post has added some sizes to the T-shirts with the Peoria Tribal Logo. The new sizes are 12 and 24 month and extra small youth size. The color of the shirt is gray and is the same price as a youth size. Please indicate if you would like a gray or white t-shirt when ordering. The Trading Post still has a variety of Native American crafts for sale such as dream catchers, shawls, and quillows. There are also several items with the Peoria logo on them. If you would like to order any items from the Trading Post, please make your check out to the Peoria Tribe. Please add \$5 for shipping and handling on most orders. Allow at least 10 days for delivery.

Anyone who would like to attend the beading classes is welcome. The ladies meet every Tuesday at the Peoria Tribal office between 10:00a.m.—3:00p.m.


Let’s Stop Second Hand Smoke

Second hand smoke is the mix of smoke given off by a cigarette and the smoke inhaled by the smoker. Second hand smoke can cause many serious health problems, especially in small children. Protecting our children is really important because children who breathe second hand smoke are more likely to: Get bronchitis and pneumonia, Have more asthma attacks, Wheeze and cough, and Have more ear infections.

Infants need even more protection from second hand smoke. Breathing second hand smoke for infants has been linked to Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS). Not only that just think of what it does for their breathing when they are a little older.

It is not enough to: Move to another room, Turn on a fan, Open a window, or Use air fresheners or candles. The only way to solve the problem is to stop smoking all together or move outside if smoking is absolutely necessary.

So let’s see what we can do to save our children and grandchildren from future health problems and make our homes and cars smoke free. Do it for your children, they will appreciate it one day, if not today.



Tribal Members  
In Service  
To Our Country

Do you have a member of your family serving in Iraq, Kuwait, or anywhere with the U.S. military forces? Please share their names with us so we can recognize and honor them.

Sergeant Jonathan Paul Merriss .....Iraq, Marines, he is a crew chief on a CH-53E which is a Super Stallion helicopter.

1Lt Adam C. Springer .....is a 2002 graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point and is now serving as Squad Leader for the Apache Longbow. He is stationed at Camp Casey, Korea. He patrols the DMZ between North and South Korea. He is the son of E. Allen Springer, Jr.

Andrew Peery.....Serving with the Scout Unit of the 173<sup>rd</sup> Airborne Brigade in Northern Iraq. He is the son of David Peery.

Air Force Staff Sergeant Charles Alva Mitchell III.....serving in Fairbanks Alaska. He is the Great Grandson of “Alvie” Mitchell and Winnie Shields/nee-Mitchell. Prior to transferring to the Air Force, he served for 15 years in the U.S. Army. He began his career as a helicopter mechanic, than went through Military Police and Canine training in which capacity he is now employed. Submitted by: Charles A. Mitchell Jr.



Pro Shop Shopping!!!



The Peoria Ridge Pro Shop can help you with all your golfing needs. Special order services are available. Currently in stock are caps at \$19.35, golf towels at \$15, sweatshirts at \$20, and a variety of shirt styles ranging from \$30 to \$45.

PEORIA RIDGE RATES

Annual Memberships

Junior.....	\$ 500.00
Tribal (no cart).....	500.00
Tribal (with cart).....	875.00
Individual (no cart).....	1,000.00
Individual (with cart).....	1,750.00
Couple.....	3,000.00
Corporate.....	3,000.00
Range Only.....	250.00

All memberships (excluding junior) include green fee and cart for one year, 20% discount on any merchandise purchase excludes clubs), \$100 discount towards the purchase of a range membership, and two weeks advanced tee times. Hours are 7:30am to dusk.

GREEN FEES

	18 Holes Non-Prime M-Th	Green Fees & Cart Prime Fri-Sat-Sun Holidays
Public	\$28.00	\$35.00
Senior (55 and older)	\$22.00	N/A
Twilight	\$22.00	\$28.00
Twilight time subject to change based on season.		

SERVICE  
TO YOUR  
TRIBE

Your tribal government is supported by volunteer service of tribal members on a variety of committees, including Audit, Cemetery, Culture and Language, Economic Development, Education, Election, Enrollment, Historical, Housing/ Social Services, Pow-Wow, Repatriation/NAGPRA, and Stomp Dance.

If you are willing to serve your tribe on any of these committees, please submit your name to Chief Froman or a member of the tribal office staff.

INDIAN CHILD WELFARE

The Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma’s Indian Child Welfare Program provides services for the Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma, The Ottawa Tribe of Oklahoma and the Seneca-Cayuga Tribe of Oklahoma.

In order for the provisions of the Indian Child Welfare Act to apply to a case, the biological parent or the child has to be enrolled in a Federal Recognized Tribe. The Indian Child Welfare Act does not apply to custody cases, only neglect or abuse. The program has been fortunate that most of the cases have been satisfactorily resolved. It is the Tribe’s intent to continue to keep the caseload at a minimum through pro-active intervention and referral. The Program has active cases in both State and Federal Courts.

The Indian Child Welfare Program has a **significant need** for more qualified Tribally approved foster homes. This is an excellent opportunity for a family to help preserve the Tribe’s culture for the future generations. The privilege of helping a child mature and develop into an asset for the Tribe is one that families should enjoy, not just for themselves but for the children as well. The State of Oklahoma has a similar shortage of foster homes and is recruiting foster homes to provide for not only Tribal children but non-Indian children as well.

The Indian Child Welfare Program assisted with the Native American Youth Camp 2005. It was a great success. Sixty children attended the camp. The first day of the Native American Youth Camp 2005 was Safety Day at the Ottawa/Peoria Cultural Center. The fire department was there showing the children the proper way to use a fire extinguisher. The BIA was there with their drunk driving program. The Ottawa County 911(Pat Dale) was there talking about 911. Charity Nelson from the Northeastern Tribal Health Clinic gave a presentation regarding household poison and injury prevention. Cherokee Nation gave a presentation about snakes. The next day of the camp we went to Jenks to the Aquarium. The children were able to touch star fish and string rays. They thought that was Areally cool@ The final day we went to Branson to Silver Dollar City for the National Children’s Festival. This was the second time the camp was able to take the children to Silver Dollar City, and hopefully will be able to go again next year. It was a long, hard week but it was worth it for the children. The camp was put on by the Ottawa Tribe, but assisted by all eight other tribes in the Miami area.

Any questions regarding the Indian Child Welfare Program, will be answered as quickly and completely as possible. Please feel free to contact us at the Tribal Headquarters, 1-800-259-9987 or 918-540-2535.

Thank you,  
Doug Journeycake, Director  
Indian Child Welfare



FROM THE ENROLLMENT OFFICE

Since May, the Enrollment Office has received forty-six address changes, five name changes, and three deceased member notifications. Thirty-four (34) duplicate membership card applications were processed. The Business Committee has approved eighteen (18) new members.

Is your State Certified Birth Certificate on file in the Enrollment Office?

The Enrollment Office is continuing to update all tribal membership files. Many members have already sent in their state certified birth certificates. To comply with Federal guidelines and be eligible for a CDIB card, issued through the BIA, a state certified birth certificate is required. Reminder; state certified birth certificates must show, state file number, state seal, state registrars signature and parentage. If you are unsure if you have a state birth certificate on file, or need assistance in acquiring one, please call the Enrollment Office. We have most state applications for birth certificates in the office.

Is your name updated in your membership file?

The Enrollment Office will be glad to assist any member who needs to have their name changed. If your name has changed and you would like your enrollment file to reflect your current legal name please bring or send in your legal documentation (such as marriage license, court order, etc.) and the change can be made. If you are receiving the tribal newsletter with a previous name listed on the address label, please call the enrollment office for assistance or send your legal documentation (i.e. marriage license, court order, etc.) so your file can be updated. It has been observed, the postal service has been returning newsletters and other miscellaneous correspondence sent from the Tribe if a persons name does not match their postal record.

Missing or Change of Address

We still have several members (497) listed on the whereabouts unknown list. Any and all help is appreciated in finding these members. Several members have contacted the office with an update of family members. When the Enrollment Office receives a telephonic address change, the Enrollment Office will send a change of address form to the missing member with a request for completing the change of address form. Once the Enrollment Office receives the original, signed, completed form, the address is updated and the form is placed in the members file for accuracy. The Enrollment Office must have written documentation on file for address changes. If you know someone on the list, above the age of 18, please have them drop us a letter, with their signature, requesting the address change or send them the change of address form. If you have a child under the age of 18 (and you are the custodial parent) who is listed on the list, please fill out the change of address form, sign and return to the Enrollment Office.

For your convenience, a change of address form has been placed in the newsletter. If anyone has knowledge of a person or persons listed on the whereabouts unknown list, sending this form to them would be greatly appreciated. The address for returning the form is:

Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma  
Attn: Enrollment Office  
PO Box 1527  
Miami OK 74355

Thank you to all who have and will assist in this ongoing endeavor. All help is valued.

Enrollment Ordinance Reminders

The Enrollment Office receives calls with requests for help or general enrollment information. To help members, listed below are a few reminders of the Enrollment Ordinance, which was revised and approved March 23, 2002. Below are sections of the Enrollment Ordinance of which the questions or information are typically asked.

Section 2. Dual enrollment with another Federally recognized tribe is prohibited and such prohibition shall be strictly applied; an enrolled member of another tribe shall not be eligible for membership with the Peoria Tribe. If a member of another tribe wishes to become a member of the Peoria Tribe, they must first relinquish all membership with other Federally recognized tribes.

Section 8. Each enrollment application must be completed in its entirety and must contain sufficient information to determine the applicant’s eligibility for enrollment. Applicants must list the following on enrollment applications: all names by which the applicant has been known, applicant’s current mailing address, name and notarized affidavit confirming applicant is not enrolled with any other Federally recognized tribe, and signature of the applicant or signature of the person filing the application on behalf of the applicant.

Section 9. Applications for enrollment must be accompanied with a State certified birth certificate. Applications received without a State certified birth certificate will not be processed. The following must be visible on State certified birth certificates:

- State Seal
- State File number
- State Registrar’s signature

State certified birth certificates must also be recorded with the State Vital Records Division of the state of birth. The following documents **are not** acceptable when accompanied with enrollment applications:

- Hospital birth certificates
- Baptismal certificate (even when parents’ names are shown)
- Heirship records
- County abstracts

Approval of birth certificates issued by foreign nations or other highest-ranking governmental sub-division with jurisdiction to issue birth certificates will be at the discretion of the Enrollment Committee.

Section 18. Changes to active membership records, such as name changes due to marriage or divorce, must be made by legal documentation (i.e. marriage license, divorce decree, court order, etc.). Active members with change of addresses and other status information must notify the Enrollment

Office at P.O. Box 1527, Miami, OK 74355 or by telephone at 918-540-2535 or 1-800-259-9987. Maintenance and accuracy of membership record data is the sole responsibility of each tribal member. Each tribal member is personally accountable for correct membership record information (i.e. contact information and/or name changes). The Tribal Enrollment Office will review changes to membership records to be forwarded to the Enrollment Committee; the Enrollment Committee shall certify its recommendation of approval to be approved by the Peoria Business Committee. Changes to membership records must ultimately be passed by resolution from the Business Committee and submitted to the Miami Area Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs.

If I can be of any assistance please call (918) 540-2535 or (800) 259-9987.

Submitted by,

*Donna Harp, Enrollment Clerk*

Whereabouts unknown list:

A

Braston Ski Allen, Brooklynn Paige Allen, Steven Michael Allen, Taylor Dawn Allen, Trevor Boston Allen, Breanna Nicole Almanzo, Kevin Michael Anderson, Travis James Atkins, Jennifer Ann Avey

B

Jeremiah David Bailleu, Jerico Richard Bailleu, Crystal Elizabeth Baker, Angela Rae Ball, Debbi Ann Ball, Cynthia Ann Basford, Daryle Lee Basford, Judy Ann Basford, Michael Lyle Basford, Monica Denise Bayouth, Amy L Beach, Carson James Beets, Kristy Lee Bell, Aron Wayne Bender, Donna Bergmann, Jacob Ryan Bergmann, Valerie Ann Bergmann, Robert James Berry, Autumn Gabrielle Berryman, Kenneth Anthony Bicknell, Dusty J Billie Jr., Leslie Wayne Bingham, Joyce Annette Blair, Clifford Henry Blalock, Daniel Elijah Blalock, James Alfred Blalock Jr., Robert Eugene Blalock, Sarah Nicole Bloch, Jeremy Emmitt Bolin, Rebecca Ann Bonbrake, Alice Renee Boone, Theo Michael Bowman, Neiva Wathena Boyce, Marvin Earl Boyd, Rodney Marvin Boyd, Timothy Michael Boyd, Pamela Jean Boyer, Sarah Davine Brackley, Angela Diana Branstetter, Jessica Lynn Branstetter, Deanna Lois Brewer, Johnnie Irene Broadwell, Tina Marie Broadwell, Amanda Marie Bryant, Katherine Elena Bryant, Debra Ann Burnett, Joshua Lee Burnett, Carla Jean Burns, Robert Glen Busby, Eric Christopher Butler, Sharon Kay Buzzard, Craig Richard Byas, Craig Richard Byas Jr., Norman Eugene Byas Jr., Rodney Lee Bye

C

Dennis Paul Cain, Joann Denise Cain, Shawn Derrick Cain, Dana Dale Canady, Doris Evelyn Canady, Cheryl Lynn Carpenter, Crystal Ann Carpenter, Sylvia Ann Castle, Crystal Kay Chambers, Pauline Anne Chambers, Melissa Marie Cheshewalla, Lisa Renee Chilcott, Nichole Jacquelyn Clark, Ronnie Jerald Clay Jr., Jenny Denice Clemons, Joanna Lynn Clemons, Joyce LaDonna Clemons, Carla Ann Coble, Carol Ann Coble, Christopher Marvin Coble, Craig Martin Coble, Lynn Aynn-Jenet Cochran, Abraham Joseph Collins, Cheryl Denise Collins, Daryle Renee Collins, Dorothy Lorene Collins, Edward Michael Collins, Hagin Lee Collins, Lois Ann Collins, Rachel Lee Collins, Rex LaRon Collins, Abigail Jane Connor, Tracy Ann Conrad, Karen Leigh Cook, Richard Edmund Cook, SunShyne Rae Cottrell, Lawrence Le-Roy Cottrell II

D

Mercedes Kimberly Davis, Rebecca Ann Davis, Richard Allen Day, Ronald George Day, Anita Kim Deal, Joshua James Dillbeck, Bruce Thomas Dixon, Christina Dorothy Dollison, David Dewayne Dollison, Jimmy Allen Dollison, Alyson A Dowell, Theodore Arol Dubber, Christopher Allen Dunaway, Meagan Nichole Dunaway, David Alex Dyer II, Rebecca Anne Dykstra

E

Kimberly Renee Eberle, Shaun Michael Eddy, Anita Louise Ellis, Escal Wathena Ellis, Lena Lou Ellis, Rose Willene Ellis, Darrell Lynn Ensworth, Kenneth Wayne Epperson Jr., Megan Mae Ervin, Matthew David Evans, Sarah Ann Evans

F

Amanda Leigh Farias, Angelica Marie Farias, Anthony David Farias, Carla Jean Farias, Traci Lynn Fehring, Michael Wayne Ferris, Ashley Dawn Michelle Fickbohm, John Paul Fickbohm, Justin Anthony Fickbohm, Mary Dena Fickbohm, Ashley Ann Fitzgibbon, Bradley Vaughan Todd Fitzgibbon, Erin Todd Fitzgibbon, Denise Renee (Maupin) Fixico, Jaime Renee Fixico, Aaron Michael Foreman, Steven Michael Foster, Brandon Keith Fox, Marilyn Renee Franklin, Sara Elaine Froman, Susan Elizabeth Froman, William Henry Froman II, William Henry Froman III

G

Elizabeth Ann Gabriel, Thomas Earl Gabriel, Tia Denise Gardner, Leandrea Michelle Gifford, Michael Leonard Gifford, Zachary Michael Gifford, Garrett Lane Giles, Justin Donald Giles, Steven Donald Giles, Michael John Gillespie, Levi Coleman Gilstrap, Anthony Kevin Gray, Brandon Phillip Gray, Kory Dalton Tanner Gray, Marcie Anne Gray, Tracey Lea Gray, Janis Kay Green, Burgundy Jean Gregg, Joshua James Gruver, Benjamin Joel Gutierrez

H

Jennifer Rose Hagberg, Kimberly Ann Hall, Jessica Lea Hallsworth, Charles Louis Harvey, Charles Louis Harvey II, Jacob Isaiah Harvey, Benjamin Ledel Hawkins, Mary Carly Hawkins, Hossain Thomas Hedges, Jacob Tyler Hedges, Lacey Dawn Hedges, Michele Yvonne Hedges, Tiffani Rae Hedges, Walter Angus Hedges, Randall Gene Helmick, Kathy Lynn Hernandez, Darin Mark Hillier, Scott Patrick Hillier, Courtney JoAnna Hingst, Tamara Colleen Hochhalter, Elizabeth Maria Hoehn, Adam Christopher Holt, Leona Marie Holttum, Violet Marie Holttum, Joshua Ray Huffmon, Avery John Hutchison

I

Douglas Wayne Ingle, Connie Lee Iredale

J

Alexis Lee-Ann Johnson, Anna Louise Johnson, Cassandra Lee Johnson, Ronald Lee Johnson, Suzanne Jo Johnson, Michael Lunt Johnson II, Amanda Dawn Jones, Cheryl Candice Jones, Crystal L Jones, Debra Suzanne Jones, Jermiah Jacob Jones, Lancer LeRay Jones, Robert A. Jones, Robert Oran Jones, Trista D Jones, Mary Alice Jumper

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Brandon Lee Keck, Johnna Layne Keck, Robin Christine Keith, Twylo June Keller, Kasey Estelle Kelly, Keenan Jacob Kelly, Kristopher Forrest Kelly, Kyle David Kelly, Sonja Lynn Kelly, Cynthia Lucille Kienel, Jacob Kyle Killough, Jan Colbert Killough, Bryan DuWayne King, Chad Everet King, Harold Robert King, Jerry Lee King, Kevin Carter King, Tammra Kay King, Allison Louise Knighten, Eric Lewis Knighten, Eric Philip Knighten, Jess Aaron Knighten, Jessica Dianne Knighten, Mark Timothy Knighten, Nicholas Joel Knighten, Paul Dory Knighten, Seth Warren Knighten, Amanda Jane Krutsinger, Diedre Anne Krutsinger, Hahns Owen Krutsinger, Mindy Anne Krutsinger

L

Gaylene Juanita LaGrassa, Amy Dawn Lamkin, Herbert Leroy Bidwell Lamkin Jr., Jeremy Elliot Lamkin, Meredith Dawn Lamkin, Chad Earl Landers, Emily Jean Landers, Laurene Marie Landers, Steven Lynn Landers, Jennifer Dawn LaQuey, Melissa Gale LaQuey, Melvin DeWayne LaQuey, Benjamin James Lawrence, Candy Ann Leady, Crystal Lee Leady, John Michael Leady, Michael Anthony Leady, Timothy Ray Leady, Leslie Elizabeth Lindsly, Stacy Mignette Lindsly, David Ronald Lippke Jr., Linda Ann Lippke, Lori Lynn Lippke, Amy Nicole Logan, Jon David Logan, Phillip DeWayne Logan, Phillip Louis Logan, Robert Lee Logan, Charles Abron Loman, Frances Ann Loudermilk

M

Kiersten Leigh Machado, Gary Duane Mahsetky Jr., Rebecca Arlene Mahsetky, Robert Anthony Mann, Tara Leigh Marker, Donnie Allen Marshall, Brian Christopher Martin, Gregory Dean Martin, Kenneth James Martin, Martha Jean Martin, Noreen Jane Martin, Angela Renee Masters, Benjamin John Masters, Benjamin Jon Masters Jr., Joseph John Mathias, Jedidiah Ray Mathis, David Wayne Gordon Maupin, Dennis Dewayne Maupin, Sharon Genene McArthur, Billy Lee McClellan, Dale Lee McFarland, Brittny Zane McKinney, Dylan Staton McMullen, Myles Harrison McMullen, Shane Lennon McMullen, Rebecca Elizabeth Means, Samuel Elmer Means, Bryan Scott Merrell, Bonny Elizabeth Merrick, Deborah Ann Merriss, Yvonne Marie Michael, Bryan Timothy Miles, Brooke Anne Miller, Daniel Lee Miller Jr., Kristi Marie Miller-Gilstrap, Kayla Jayne Miller-Metzger, David Kent Mitchell Jr., Jon Edward Mitchell, Tammy Sue Mitchell, Tonya Wane Mitchell, Jennifer Joleen Moore, Micah Jo Moore, Michael Lee Moore, Thomas Eugene Moore, Tina Lynn Moore, James Raymond Allan Moorehead, Susan Lorena Moorehead, Daniel Patrick Morris, Kevin Leon Munson, Jean Marie Murphree, Christopher Lynn Murrow, Bruce Anthony Myers,

N

Jared Braxton Narcomey, Randall Eugene Nathan, Connie Jo Newman-Haxton,

O

Austen Tyler Adam Oatman, Heather LaRae Oatman, Jacoby Lee Timothy Orr, Jordan Shawn Orr, Shawn Timothy Orr, Andrew Lynn Osborne, Cathleen Anne Osborne, Del Lee Allen Osborne

P

Sharon Lynne Parker, Patricia Elaine Parkin, Tamara Dee Parszewski, Andrew Jason Pavey, Jackie Sue Pavey, Joshua Mitchell Peckham, Kurtis Ray Peckham, John Phillip Peery III, Kimberly Louise Peery, Mary Kathrine Peery, Mathew James Peery, Christopher Alan Penn II, MaryAnn Elizabeth Penn, Daniel Keith Perry, Nicole Leanne Peterman, Amanda Dawn Pogue, Andrea Nichole Pogue, Don Paul Pogue Jr., Jeremy Paul Pogue, Joshua Shane Pogue, Kristi Lea Pogue, Thomas Kyle Pogue, Jamee Dawn Pruitt

R

Suzann Randt, Laura Gail Reed, Marcia Leigh Reid, Debra Ann Roberts, Danny Leon Rocker, Danny Russel Rocker, Douglas Baird Rocker, Jarod Henry Lawrence Rocker, Matthew Clay Rocker, Michael Gordon Rocker, Richard Ernest Rocker, Richard Nathaniel Rocker, Russell Ray Rocker, Stephanie Ann Rocker, Patricia Lynn Rogers, Buster Lance Roseberry, Don Thomas Roseberry, Jessyca Lynn Roseberry, Karmen May Rosen, Kendra Jolene Rosen, Kevin Ray Rosen, Christopher Nowell Ross, Lisa Mae Ross

S

Michelle Lynn Sanders, Robert Joseph Satterfield, Carey Nicole Sayers, Tarisa Nicole Sayers, Wiley Jay Brian Sayers, Amy Noel Scott, Derek Wayne Scott, Jordan Paige Sears, Marcus Allen Sears, Brian Alexander Shamblin, Buster Arthur Shamblin, Buster Arthur Shamblin Jr., April Renee Shores, Cecilia Ann Simmons, Melissa Ann Simmons, Shannon Daniell Simmons, Michael Shea Sims, Cameron Blake Sloan, Chelsey Rae Sloan, Kathryn Louise Sloan, Will Joseph Sloan, Will Owen Sloan, Angela Michelle Smith, Ashlee Linn Smith, Brooklyn Tyler Smith, Devin Michael Smith, Faith Marie Smith, Jeffrey Ernest Smith, Jeffrey James Smith, Jeremy Elias Smith, Joseph Aaron Smith, Joshua Jay Smith, Joshua Hosea Smith, Katherine Sue Smith, Kathleen Adele Smith, Kevin Anthony Smith, Lucy Nadine Smith, Melissa Lee Smith, Michael Daniel Smith II, Rebecca Lynn Smith, Ryan Bailey Smith, Steven Thomas Smith, Tyler Reed Smith, Vanessa Aliti Smith, Colt Wesley Southern, Dooley Ray James Southern, Mary Elizabeth Southern, Rowdy Cole Southern, Sharon Kay Southern, Nicole Rae Spencer, Courtnee Sophia Squires, Jeana Renee Stand, Bobbie Rae Starr, Jeremiah Alan Starr, Cortney Asher Stell, Glen Michael Stice, Kathleen K. Stice, Micaiah A. Stice, Terri Lynne Stites, Carrie Lynn Stout, David Roy Stout, David Roy Stout Jr., Jacob Phern Stout, Jane Sus-anne Stout, Mary Renee Stout

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## BUSINESS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES SUMMARY

### Regular Meeting - May 3, 2005

Chief John Froman administered the Oath of Office to Alan Joe Goforth, newly elected Third Councilman on the Business Committee. Motion was made to approve the agenda as submitted. Motion was seconded and carried unanimously. Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of April 5, 2005 as submitted. Motion carried unanimously. Motion was made and seconded to approve the financial reports for March 2005 as submitted. Motion carried unanimously. Motion was made and seconded to approve the new members as recommended by the Enrollment Committee. Motion carried unanimously. Motion was made to approve Resolution R-05-03-05-A, "Approval of Changes to the Peoria Tribal Membership Roll". Motion was seconded and carried unanimously. Motion was made and seconded to approve Resolution R-05-03-05-B, "Renewal of Consortium Participation in the Child Care Development Block Grant for Fiscal Years 2006 and 2007". Motion carried unanimously. Motion was made and seconded to approve Resolution R-05-03-05-C, "Renewal of Consortium Participation in the Child Care Development Block Grant for Fiscal Years 2006 and 2007". Motion carried unanimously. Motion was made and seconded to approve Resolution R-05-03-05-D, "Placement of Peoria Tribal Property (Hart) Into Trust Status". Motion carried unanimously. Motion was made to approve Resolution R-05-03-05-E, "Request for Transfer of Funds from Peoria Tribal Tax Commission Account to Tribal Properties Account" with a change of deleting Tribal Properties Account and inserting Tribal Enterprises Account. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously. Motion was made and seconded to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned.

### Special Meeting - May 24, 2005

Motion was made to approve the agenda as presented. Motion was seconded and carried unanimously. Motion was made to approve Resolution SR-05-24-05-A, "Resolution Authorizing Submittal of a Fiscal Year 2005 Indian Community Development Block Grant for Construction of the Peoria Tribal Programs Building". Motion was seconded and carried unanimously. Motion was made approve Resolution SR-05-24-05-B, "Resolution Committing 2.18 Acres of Land for the Construction of the Peoria Tribal Programs Building and Assuming Relevant Environmental Responsibilities". Motion was seconded and carried unanimously. Motion was made and seconded to approve Resolution SR-05-24-05-C, "Resolution Reauthorizing Financial Management Policies and Procedures". Motion carried unanimously. Motion was made and seconded to approve Resolution SR-05-24-05-D, "Resolution Reauthorizing Procurement and Contract Management Policies and Procedures". Motion carried unanimously. Motion was made and seconded to approve Resolution SR-05-24-05-E, "Resolution Adopting an Operation and Maintenance Plan for the Peoria Tribal Programs Building and Committing Funds for Execution of the Plan". Motion carried unanimously. Motion was made to approve Resolution SR-05-24-05-F, "Resolution Identifying and Committing Tribal Resources to be Used as Leverage in the Peoria Tribe's Fiscal Year 2005 Indian Community Development Block Grant Application for construction of the Peoria Tribal Programs Building", with a correction to the amount of donated services from \$107,814 to \$72,614. Motion was seconded and carried unanimously. Motion was made and seconded to approve Resolution SR-05-24-05-G, "Resolution Assuring the Preparation and Posting of a Community Development Statement and Certifying that the Citizen Participation Requirements at 24 CFR 1003.604 Have Been Met as Part of the Peoria Tribe's Fiscal year 2005 Indian Community Development Block Grant Application for Construction of the Peoria Tribal Programs Building". Motion carried unanimously. Motion was made and seconded to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned.

### Regular Meeting – June 7, 2005

Motion was made to approve the agenda with additions under New Business of Resolution R-06-07-05-B, Confirmation of Lynn Burris CFR Magistrate; Resolution R-06-07-05-C, Permission for Adoption; and Resolution R-06-07-05-D, Confirmation of Action to Authorize Expansion of Buffalo Run Casino and Negotiation for Financing. Motion was seconded and carried unanimously. By unanimous consent of the members, the Chairman moved to Items C. and D. under New Business to accommodate the schedule of Doug Journeycake, Indian Child Welfare Director. Motion was made and seconded to approve Resolution R-06-07-05-B, "Confirmation of Lynn Burris CFR Magistrate". Motion carried unanimously. Motion was made to approve Resolution R-06-07-05-C, "Permission for Adoption". Motion was seconded and carried unanimously. The Committee returned to the approved agenda. Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of May 3, 2005 as submitted. Motion carried unanimously. Motion was made to approve the minutes of the May 24, 2005 Special Meeting as submitted. Motion was seconded and carried unanimously. Motion was made and seconded to table the financial reports for April 2005 until the July meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Motion was made and seconded to approve the new members as recommended by the Enrollment Committee. Motion carried unanimously. Motion was made to approve Resolution R-06-07-05-A, "Approval of Changes to the Peoria Tribal Membership Roll". Motion was seconded and carried unanimously. Motion was made and seconded to approve Resolution R-06-07-05-D, "Confirmation of Action to Authorize Expansion of Buffalo Run Casino and Negotiation for Financing". Motion carried unanimously. Motion was made and seconded to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned.

### Regular Meeting – July 5, 2005

Motion was made to approve the agenda with addition under New Business of Resolution R-07-05-05-D, "Approval of VGT Equipment Lease Agreement". Motion was seconded and carried unanimously. Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of June 7, 2005 as submitted. Motion carried unanimously. Motion was made and seconded to approve the financial reports for May 2005 as submitted. Motion carried unanimously. Motion was made and seconded to remove the Tribal Financial Reports for April 2005 from the table. Motion carried unanimously. Motion was made to approve the Tribal Financial Reports for April 2005 as submitted. Motion was seconded and carried by unanimous vote. Motion was made and seconded to approve the new members as recommended by the Enrollment Committee. Motion carried unanimously. Motion was made to approve Resolution R-07-05-05-A, "Approval of Changes to the Peoria Tribal Membership Roll". Motion was seconded and carried unanimously. Motion was made and seconded to approve Resolution R-07-05-05-B, "Change of Date for August 2005 Regular Business Committee Meeting". Motion carried unanimously. Motion was made to approve Resolution R-07-05-05-C, "BIA – Forest Management Plan". Motion was seconded and carried unanimously. Motion was made and seconded to approve Resolution R-07-05-05-D, "Approval of VGT Equipment Lease Agreement". Motion carried unanimously. Motion was made and seconded to go into Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously. Motion was made and seconded to return to Open Session. Motion carried unanimously. Motion was made to approve the proposed salary adjustments as submitted. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously. Motion was made and seconded to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned.

PEORIA TRIBE						
SUMMARY OF TRUST FUNDS						
June 30, 2005						
						YTD
ACTIVITY				TOTAL		INTEREST INCOME
114 ACRES AT WYANDOTTE				\$70.28		0.78
PEORIA DESCENDANTS		PRINCIPAL	0	8,895.83		111.15
		INTEREST	8,895.83			
EDUCATION (Transfer)				703.43		8.83
EDUCATION		PRINCIPAL	176,375.13	190,668.43		3,455.43
		INTEREST	14,293.30			
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT		PRINCIPAL	171,613.80	181,768.63		2,457.15
		INTEREST	10,154.83			
LAND ACQUISITION		PRINCIPAL	171,613.80	181,818.05		2,457.85
		INTEREST	10,204.25			
BURIAL		PRINCIPAL	57,201.92	62,458.57		1,009.91
		INTEREST	5,256.65			
TRIBAL GOV'T		PRINCIPAL	570,128.51	658,612.37		11,090.34
		INTEREST	88,483.86			
LEGAL		PRINCIPAL	57,201.92	63,346.64		1,021.10
		INTEREST	6,144.72			
TOTAL				1,348,342.23		21,612.54
				SUMMARY		
	OVERNIGHTER (U.S. TREASURY)			154,655.56		
	INVESTMENTS			1,193,686.67		
	TOTAL			1,348,342.23		

(Whereabouts unknown continued from page 6)

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Melanie C’Ann Tate, Jeremy Edward Thacker, Joshua Daniel Keith Thacker, Shawanah Yvonne Star Thacker, Jennifer Christina Thomas, Mandy Helen Thomas, Olivia Mae Murrel Thurman, David Alton Torbit, Angela Dawn Totten, Natassja Raylene Turley, Tyrone Vernon Tutt

*V*  
Brian Christopher Valley, Gregory Phillip Valley, Kenneth Henry Valley, Michelle Elizabeth Valley, Delana Ann Vanderwaal, Dena Louise Vogt

*W*  
Amanda Suzanne Walker, Jamie Jean Walker, Jan Denae Walker, Jacob Michael Wammack, Kari Pauline Wammack, Staci Lyn Ward, Rhonda Charlene Watts, Aaron Matthew Webb, Barbara Lynell Webb, Joshua Michael Webb, Jennifer Lea Weller, Linda Susan Weller, Sandy Marie Weller, Nathan Luke Werenka, Linnel Brent Werremeyer, Amanda Marie White, Karen Rae White, Matthew Louis White, Nicole Iree White, Ronald Allen White, Steven Dale White, Aaron Tyler Williams, Buddy Charles Williams, Francis Williams, Jesse Ryan Williams, Lloyd Perry Williams, Meleni Pamela Williams, Dabert Glen Willoughby Jr., Damon Aundreas Dillon Winston, Murphy James Winston III

SEMI-ANNUAL CHR REPORT  
TO THE INDIAN PEOPLE  
JANUARY - JUNE 2005

1391	Home Visits
1498	Number of people seen in the home
1498	Blood pressure screenings in the home
110	Diabetic screenings in the home
08	Anemia screenings in the home
222	Injections given in the home
72	Catheters changed and UA-s to area lab
362	Insulin prepared for diabetic patient unable to see well enough to prepare his own.
39	Dressing changed
0	Blood drawn
18	Physical therapy
2	Stitches removed
0	Podiatry clinic at Northeastern Tribal Health Clinic
150	Phone inquiry and instructions
70	Wellness Health program at CHR office
258	Car Seat participants
113	Medication and supplies delivered to homebound

Screenings in CHR office

77	Blood Pressure
15	Diabetic
12	Anemia
00	Audiology
13	Cholesterol

O.B. Clinic

55	Prenatal
85	Postnatal
92	Infants
106	Children

Workshops presented: N/A

Workshops attended: N/A

REFERRALS RECIEVED BY DOCTORS:

Stroub, Doney, Osborn, Toma, Stout, Grotheer, and Schuller

REFERRALS MADE TO DOCTORS:

Stroub, Doney, Osborn, Toma, Stout, Grotheer, and Schuller

TOTAL CONTACTS: 1949

Thank you for allowing me to serve our people.

Barbara Stacy, L.P.N.  
CHR Director



Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma			
Unaudited Summary Expenditure Budget Report			
As of 6/30/2005			
(In Whole Dollars)			
Open FY 2006 Programs			
Account Title	Currently Budgeted	Actual Cumulative Expenditures	Total Budget Remaining
Indian Child Welfare	70,805	-	70,805
Title VI Elderly Feeding Grant	136,940	23,022	113,918
Indirect Cost Pool	278,986	62,835	216,151
Tribal Properties	103,285	3,102	100,183
Trading Post	1,347	55	
Children's Christmas Special Revenue Fund	7,845	5,541	2,304
Gaming Commission	172,200	26,985	145,215
Cemetery Special Revenue Fund	6,977	1,140	5,837
Pow Wow Fund*	18,170	8,611	9,559
Economic Development / Activity 2614	120,000	-	120,000
Burial / Activity 2617	85,000	19,956	65,044
Tribal Government / Activity 2621	522,240	18,638	503,602
Legal Fees / Activity 2627	25,000	2,303	22,698
Totals FY 2006	1,548,795	172,189	1,375,314
Open FY 2005 Programs			
Aid to Tribal Government Contract	153,626	11,730	141,896
Indian Child Welfare	108,497	52,755	55,742
Higher Education Grant	49,817	13,000	36,817
Damage Assessment Project	7,207	967	
Indian Reservation Roads 2% Planning Funds	6,324		
Water Resources Contract	28,500	14,245	14,255
Community Health Representative	46,177	29,589	16,588
Library Grant	4,000	768	3,232
GAP (General Assistance Prog-Environmental)	110,000	38	109,962
Air Program	91,777	48,393	43,384
Water Quality Program	60,000	25,756	34,244
Indian Child Welfare Tribally Contracted Program	27,000	-	27,000
Totals FY 2004	692,925	197,242	483,119
Open FY 2004 Programs			
Aid to Tribal Government Contract	317,952	238,919	79,033
Indian Child Welfare	110,101	109,029	1,072
Higher Education Grant	52,119	51,000	1,119
Housing Improvement Program	157	84	73
Indian Reservation Roads 2% Planning Funds	6,554	1,801	4,753
Water Resources Contract	12,378	8,690	3,688
GAP (General Assistance Prog-Environmental)	109,959	63,215	46,744
Promoting Safe & Stable Families	25,030	12,954	12,076
Peoria Emergency Housing Assistance Program	25,000	5,794	19,206
Indian Child Welfare Tribally Contracted Program	27,000	3,807	23,193
Totals FY 2004	686,250	495,294	190,956
Open FY 2003 Programs			
Aid to Tribal Government Contract	342,616	342,580	36
Higher Education Grant	52,388	51,310	1,078
Housing Improvement Program	98,845	2,094	96,751
Indian Reservation Roads 2% Planning Funds	8,243	8,181	62
Job Placement & Training	758	758	-
GAP (General Assistance Prog.-Environmental)	175,000	168,780	6,220
Indian Child Welfare Tribally Contracted Prog	27,000	25,756	1,244
Totals FY 2003	704,850	599,459	105,391
Open FY 2002 Programs			
Housing Improvement Program	148,304	459	147,845
Capacity Building Grant / Roads Inventory-Year 2	35,000	35,082	(82)
Totals FY 2002	183,304	35,541	147,763

## Tribal Committees

### Grievance Committee

Sonja Kelly.....2008  
Annette Black.....2009  
John E. Froman.....2009  
John R. Barnard.....2006  
Michael D. Lewis.....2006

### Election Committee

Roberta Lindsly; David Tyner; Tonya Grayson; Toni Potts

### Enrollment Committee

James Steel, Chairperson; Alice Burgess; Jenny Rampey

### Economic Development/Finance/Properties

Ronald Froman, Chairperson; Alice Burgess, Co-Chairperson; Roberta Lindsly, Secretary; John Livingston; and Alan Goforth

### Housing/Social Services

Alice Burgess, Chairperson; Beebe Mitchell; M. Annette Black

### Education Committee

Donna Fitzgibbon, Chairperson; Joe Goforth, Secretary; Sadie Detherage

### Audit Committee

Darlene Young, Chairperson; Laura McCoy, Laura Downum

### Culture and Language Committee

Donna Fitzgibbon, Charla Echohawk, Ronald Froman, Kevin Dawes, Shelly Sharp Downs

### Stomp Dance Committee

Joyce Ballard, Co-Chairperson; Ron Froman, Co-Chairperson; John Froman; Rick Landers; Charla Echohawk; Terry Kinder; Alice Burgess; Mary Olsen; Ruthie Jones; Fannie Stokes; Donna Fitzgibbon; Karen Stand; David Tyner; Darlene Young; Jeffery “Dude” Blalock; Bill Blalock

### Repatriation Committee

Bud Ellis Chairperson; Laura McCoy, Co-Chairperson; Michael Eddy; John Froman; Eddie Froman; Ron Froman; Don Giles; Cynthia Purgason; Charla K. Echohawk; LeAnne Reeves; Jane Hahn

### Cemetery Committee

Billy Blalock; Ron Froman; Troy Stand; John Froman

### Historical Committee

Joann Evans, Chairperson; Mary Lembcke; Roberta Lindsly; Alice Burgess; Rick Landers

## EDUCATION

I mailed out 72 renewal applications and 49 new applications for the Fall 2005 semester. The education committee met August 1, 2005, 5:00pm. It was the decision of the committee to fund 40 renewal students and 25 new students. Letters were mailed to 13 new students and 13 renewal students requesting addition information. It was also the decision of the committee to not fund 4 new students and 3 renewal students due to incomplete applications. Financial need is not one of the criteria for the Peoria scholarship. Every Peoria full-time college student is encouraged to apply. Please feel free to stop by the Peoria Tribal Office for other financial aid or scholarship information. It is never too early to obtain a scholarship application. You may do so by writing Education Director, Peoria Tribe, P.O. Box 1527, Miami, OK 74355, by phoning the Peoria office 1-918-540-2535 ext 10 or 1-800-259-9987 ext 10, or check it out on the Peoria Tribal website, [www.peoriatribes.com](http://www.peoriatribes.com).

**Application deadlines are July 31 for the Fall semester and December 31 for the Spring semester.** Incomplete or postage due applications will not be considered. Students who accept scholarship funds but do not complete their obligation of 12 semester hours and maintain a 2.5 GPA forfeit their eligibility for one semester.

If you know a Peoria student who has received scholastic honors or other special recognition at his or her school, please let the Education Director know. The Peoria Tribe is proud of our students and would like to acknowledge their accomplishments in a future newsletter. If you have a family member who won't "toot their own horn", please do it for them. I can be reached at 1-800-259-9987, or 1-918-540-2535. Please feel free to call me with any questions you may have about the scholarship program.

Mandie Ferguson  
Education Director

## INFORMATION FROM THE PEORIA HOUSING AUTHORITY

### Do You Pay Rent?

Why Pay rent when you can buy a house. Did you know the Peoria Housing Authority has programs to help you do that? We offer several programs including Mutual Help, Guaranteed Loans, and Down Payment Assistance. So, if you need help in any of these situations we may be able to help you. Our telephone number is (918) 542-1873, and our office is located at 3606 Sencay Avenue in Miami, OK.

### Do You Need Help with Housing Improvements?

The Peoria Housing Authority has a program available that could help with this process; it is called the Housing Improvement Program (HIP). The program is available to Homeowners or a person that is presently buying a home. Come by the office to find out more about the program and fill out an application. We will be glad to answer any questions that you may have. Our telephone number is (918) 542-1873, and our office is located at 3606 Sencay Avenue in Miami, OK.

### New Executive Director

John Kaul became the Executive Director on May 30, 2005. John worked with the Kickapoo Tribe in Kansas from October, 1996 to October 2002. He served as the Executive Director of the Kickapoo Housing Authority from February, 2000 to October of 2002. John has been a member of the Peoria Housing Authority staff since July, 2003.

### Homeownership

We have many programs available to current homeowners and those who wish to own their own home.

#### Homebuyer Classes

These classes present information on qualifying for a loan, the mortgage loan process, personal financial management, and home maintenance.

#### Homeownership Programs

You do not have to be low income to qualify for some of our programs. We have loan programs available to any Native American who can meet credit qualifications. We also have subsidized loan programs for Native Americans who qualify under HUD or Rural Development's low income requirements. Call our staff at 542-1873. They will be happy to answer your questions and help you find the right program to meet your circumstances.

# Babes on Broadway

## Tulsa girl graduates from NYU and produces her first musical

On a gorgeous spring day in New York City, Meredith Purgason doesn't mind that the view from her Manhattan apartment is limited to the stack-of-brinks building next over. Besides, she has a sinus infection and is on the phone talking about her first big production since graduating.

"If you'd told me then that I'd be producing my own show and be on my own here, I wouldn't have believed I could do it," Purgason said.

"Then" was Sept. 11, 2001, and Purgason had just been witness of a passenger jetliner piercing one of the World Trade Center towers.

The story that ran in the Tulsa World the following day depicted a young woman in her first semester at New York University, shaken and uncertain as she exited the subway train and talked to her father on her cell phone. Purgason had a clear view of the World Trade Center tower as one plane veered into the side while smoke rose from its twin, and as wounded were taken to a near by hospital.

"After that happened, I only wanted to be home. Everything was so insane in the world, and I couldn't see four years in front of me," Purgason.

The Tulsa native graduated from NYU earlier this month with a bachelor's of fine arts in drama.

"When I was three years old, my parents took me to see my first Broadway show. That was their mistake, because I was bitten pretty early," she said. "I haven't been able to stay away since then."

At Lee Elementary School she got her first taste of standing on stage for the school's Christmas play. Spending years in children's productions at Clark Theater and with the youth troupe Tulsa Onstage, Purgason continued to get more experience and more drive.

She was cast to play manipulative Gussie Carnegie when Onstage produced "Merrily We Roll Along" in 1999.

About a year ago, she and a friend had the idea to put together their own show.

"We were having dinner, talking about how great it would be if we could do a musical together, and then thought, 'Why couldn't we do it together?'" she said.

Of course, that meant they would have to build their own show, rent a theater, market it and find the cast and crew.

Purgason immediately started researching play production. She had many questions about where to start, except she already knew the show she wanted to produce.

"Merrily We Roll Along," a Stephen Sondheim musical, opened on Broadway in 1981. It didn't have much success, critically or commercially, at the time, but it was revamped and went on to win the Olivier Award in London in 2001.

The story follows a backward journey starting with three friends in California in 1976 and ending in Manhattan's Upper West Side of 1957 with the beginning of their friendship and the start of their successful Broadway and film careers.

"This really is my favorite musical," Purgason said.

She loved it so much she wore out a cassette copy of the stage cast recording her father, Bob Purgason, made for her trek between New York and Pennsylvania.

The play is also appropriate for Purgason in a timing sense. A story about making it big in theater and acting could only be understood by someone starting out herself. She will be playing the role of Gussie when the Purgason Productions version of the musical debuts Friday in New York's Gene Frankel Theater, accessible off the subway between Lafayette and Bleeker.

This time around, her role behind the scenes dominates her presence on the stage, but she also has a lot more to offer her character, she said.

"I was 16 years old the first time I played her. You learn a lot in six years. I've actually met people like her since then. I suppose I had when I was 16, but I just wasn't quiet aware of what they were doing," she said.

Her show will play out with 18 young cast members from all over the country, some of whom attended NYU. It will be an off-off-Broadway show, meaning there are fewer than 99 seats in the house.

One of her teachers, Geoffrey Horne, who was in the original 1981 production of "Merrily We Roll Along," is expected to fill one of those seats.

"It is especially apt to do today because the music is uplifting and people of all ages need to be reminded that there is more to life than success, fame, and money. Every person should make an honest and decent contribution to society," Horne said.

Purgason is happy to be contributing her share, but it wouldn't hurt if there was a small success from the show's run- a few notices in the paper, a role or two.

And it wouldn't be a bad thing if she had to leave the day job as an administrative assistant so she can work in theater full-time.

There is a line from the show she wants to remember-it's not her line. It's spoken by one of the main characters on a rooftop.

"'What a time to be starting out. Look at what we can accomplish. The world is ours if we so desire. What a time to be alive.' It's so hopeful and exciting and, gosh, I can't find the words to express it," Purgason said.

This story appeared in the Tulsa World on May 29, 2005, Written by: Karen Shade



Purgason (left) plays Gussie Carnegie in a scene with her cast from "Merry We Roll Along." The show, which Purgason produced, opened in the Gene Frankel Theater in Manhattan on Friday, June 3, 2005.



In a New York City coffee shop, Purgason anticipates the opening of "Merrily We Roll Along," her first big producing project after graduating from New York University in May 2005.



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Treasurer	John Sharp	03/2008
Secretary	Hank Downum	03/2007
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**Christmas Party 2005**

All Peoria Tribal members are invited to attend the  
2005 Peoria Children's Christmas Party.

The party will be held at the OTTAWA/PEORIA CULTURAL CENTER on  
Saturday, December 10, 2005 starting at 1:00pm – 3:00pm  
We will have entertainment and refreshments.

Santa will arrive at 2:00 to distribute gifts to pre-registered Peoria children.

In November registration letters will be mailed to parents of Peoria children under the age of thirteen,  
residing within a 90 mile radius of Miami, OK. If you live outside this area and are planning on attending  
the party, please call the office and let Mandie know. If you did not receive a  
registration letter and your child plans to attend the Christmas party, please notify me as soon as possible at  
the Peoria Tribal office at  
1-918-540-2535 or 1-800-259-9987, I can be reached at extension 10.

There will be door prizes for our tribal elders, so bring your ENTIRE family.  
Please plan to attend the Peoria Children's Christmas Party!

Financial donations to the Christmas Party fund are always appreciated.  
Please let me know if I may acknowledge your gift in an upcoming Peoria Newsletter  
or if you wish to remain anonymous.

Mandie Ferguson – Christmas Party Coordinator

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The Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians (OST) is requesting assistance for obtaining current addresses for the below listed Individual Indian Money (IIM) beneficiary account holders. Account holders can update their IIM account address by calling toll free 1-888-678-6836 Ext 392.

**Letter from tribal member:**

My name is Erik Stout and I'm looking to connect with my brothers and sisters of the Peoria Tribe so they may educate me on their beliefs and traditions. I don't know much about my background but I am interested in learning more about my culture.

Sincerely,  
Erik Stout  
3317 SW 97th  
Seattle, WA 98126

## Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(First Name)	(Middle Name)	(Maiden Name/Last Name)
DOB: _____	_____ (Social Security Number)	Roll No. _____
New Address: _____		Old Address: _____
Address _____		Address _____
City            State        Zip		City            State        Zip
Home Phone _____		_____ E-mail

Signature of applicant

Please list all tribal members of household who will need to have address changed:

(Name)	(Date of Birth)	(SSN)	(Name)	(Date of Birth)	(SSN)
(Name)	(Date of Birth)	(SSN)	(Name)	(Date of Birth)	(SSN)

**Lena Lois Hannah**  
**07/03/2005**

**George Hiram Miller Jr**  
**05/09/2005**

**Mark Christian Morris**  
**02/07/2005**

